

Editor's Notebook

In this issue we celebrate the 60th anniversary of the Office of Naval Research with a snapshot of the many advanced technologies naval research has made possible — and with interviews with some of the Navy's top science and technology innovators. Thanks to Chief of Naval Research Rear Adm. William Landay and the ONR staff for the opportunity to explore the intriguing topic of scientific research in support of the warfighter.

In late July, courtesy of U.S. Second Fleet and the USS Dwight D. Eisenhower (CVN 69), I had the time of my life covering Joint Task Force Exercise (JTFEX) 06-2 "Operation Bold Step." As a guest aboard the "Ike," two days just wasn't enough time to talk to the dedicated crew and hear about the Eisenhower's challenging mission.

Although I visited many fascinating operational areas on board, one of the most exciting was flight operations. Landing on the arresting gear and launching off the catapult on a carrier on-board delivery, or COD, is the best thrill ride I've ever had — so far. My dream now is to fly in an F/A-18 Super Hornet.

I've never been grimmer or hotter — or had as much fun as those two days on the Eisenhower. Many thanks to Lt. Mike Kafka from Second Fleet public affairs office and the Eisenhower public affairs staff, particularly Lt. Jody Cornell and Photographer's Mates Karisha Walker and Scott Wojciechowski — and especially the officers and crew aboard the Eisenhower — you're amazing!

In September, we observed the Urban Resolve 2015 experiment conducted with advanced modeling and simulation technology, which tested new concepts and doctrine for the joint commander operating in the complex urban environment. It was a thought-provoking glimpse into joint experimentation. Urban Resolve is sponsored by U.S. Joint Forces Command located in Suffolk, Va.

Topping off September was a visit to the Space and Naval Warfare Systems Center Norfolk (SSCN) change of command ceremony. SSCN provides affordable business solutions to the fleet with a customer base that includes more than 500,000 Sailors and Marines aboard more than 2,500 operational and support sites around the globe.

You can read about the vital work being done in support of the warfighter from all these events in this issue of CHIPS.

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July 21, 2006 – Aboard the USS Dwight D. Eisenhower (CVN 69) with members of the Eisenhower public affairs staff, Lt. Jody Cornell and Photographer's Mates Karisha Walker and Scott Wojciechowski. The Eisenhower was operating in the waters off the coast of Virginia to participate in Joint Task Force Exercise (JTFEX) 06-2 "Operation Bold Step." Photo courtesy of Mike Gallagher, Airshow Photography.



Sept. 20, 2006, Urban Resolve 2015 Technical Support – Air Force Maj. "Mitch" Mitchell explains how the modeling and simulation tools are distributed to Urban Resolve participants.



Sept. 22, 2006 – SSCN Executive Director Ms. Patricia Fuller and former SSCN commanding officer Capt. David Pry at the SSCN change of command ceremony on board Norfolk Naval Station. Pry was relieved by Capt. Joseph Konicki. Photo by SSCN Deputy Director Fleet Support Mike Siedlecki.

